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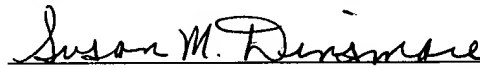
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2002, rejecting claims 1-20. The cited references are Shah, *et al.*, "Infoharness: Managing Distributed, Heterogeneous Information" *IEEE Internet Computing*, Nov/Dec 1999 (hereinafter, "Shah"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,983,267 to Shklar, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Shklar"). The following remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

This Response is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format to be published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).

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